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Midwood Loses 14 Teachers; Four Staff Members Retire

By RUTH FESSEL

The staff of Midwood has undergone many changes this term. Ten new teachers replaced the fourteen staff members who left on retirement, sabbatical vacations or temporary leaves.

Four teachers retired this term after many years of service at Midwood. They are Mrs. Freida Poulsen and Miss Viola Randles of the English Department, and Mr. Reidar Tholfsen and Mrs. Celia Weiss of the foreign languages department.

This term, Mr. Irving Gordon, a social studies teacher and Mrs. Mildred Haselkorn of the math department began their sabbatical leaves. Mrs. Mary Haas, Mr. Sidney Hirsch and Mrs. Ann Schiller of the English department, also left this term on sabbatical vacations. Mrs. Helen Paley, payroll secretary, is also on leave. They will be re-welcomed to Midwood in September.

Nine members of Midwood's staff are on temporary leaves. They are Beatrice Gitlin, biology laboratory assistant; Miss Edna Heiden, art teacher; Mr. Alexander Herskowitz, chairman of the biology department; Mr. André Humbert, French teacher; Mr. Nathaniel "Boss" Levine of the music department; Mr. Martin Marin of the social studies department; Mrs. Rosalind Quaytman, secretary to Mr. Dobren at the Kensington Annex; Mrs. Sylvia Ross of the English department; Mrs. Rose Shapiro of the secretarial studies department, and Mrs. Rhoda Sigmund, a social studies teacher.

Nine new teachers have entered Midwood this term. They are Mr. Leonard Borach, a biology teacher formerly at Richmond High School; Miss Lillian Cincotta, a social studies teacher from Erasmus Hall High School; James DiDominico, a biology laboratory assistant, formerly of Washington Irving High School; Miss Maryann Dubois, a French teacher from Curtis High School, and Miss Miriam Fox, a math teacher from Fort Hamilton High School. Two new additions to the English department are Miss Roberta Weiss from Flushing High School and Mrs. Marguerite Winclair. Mr. Robert Seiden joins the Music department this term in place of Mr. Levine.

STATE GRANTS AWARDS TO 155

Of the 488 Midwood High School seniors who took the Regents Scholarship Examination on October 5, 1961, 155 have won the award and 80 have qualified as alternates, announced school principal Dr. Jacob L. Bernstein, February 15.

Two of these winners, Jonathan Goldman (who scored 277 out of a possible 300 points) and Paul Fenichel (275 points) placed second and fourth, respectively, in Kings County. Daniel A. Pope of Erasmus Hall High School (282 points) was the high scorer in this county, while Annabel Adams of Walt Whitman High School (Huntington Station) and Nicholas Bachko, of Paul D. Schreiber High School (Port Washington), both with scores of 283, led the state.

In addition to the aforementioned awards, six students also won Nursing Scholarships, and twelve were named alternates.

Winners of the Regents College Scholarships, which pay from 250 to 700 dollars per year, are:

Donna Amariglio, Joseph Aronson, Nancy Auster, Sandra Bartel, Joel Bass, Richard Bassin, Barbara Beckerman, Roberta Bender, Miles Benickes, Donald Bermack, Steven Bernhardt, Richard Bloom.

Myron Bloom, Hannalyn Boxer, Carol Broll, Martha Bromer, Richard Bush, Norman Chenven, Leon Cohen, Lowell Cohn, Jonathan Coles, Maureen Collins, Marlene C. Davis, Margaret De Luisi.

George Demas Jr., Raymond Denny, Harold Dershowitz, Sally Drucker, Ellen Edelman, Marvin Edelman, Elliot Eisenberg, Harry Eisenberg, Evelyn Eisen, Robert Epstein, Frank Ettenberg, Herbert Fein.

Paul Fenichel, Marian Fernebok, Mark Fetner, Iris Fisher, David Fleiss, Stephen Friedman, Roger Gabrielson, Carolyn Gerber, Gary Gladstone, Charles Glass, Lester Goldberg, Jonathan Goldman.

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Flash

The Midwood High School Basketball Team trounced Sheepshead Bay 73-42. Jim Higgins and Tom Markey led the victors with respective scores of 21 and 20. These offensive efforts, combined with the deft defensive play of Gene Dressler, left Sheepshead powerless.

SOPHS WIN SING

By PHYLLIS MASLIN

The judges declared the sophomore class the winner of the Fifteenth Annual Sing, February 25. The seniors placed second, the juniors were third and the freshmen came in last.

Sing is a competitive musical show, written, directed, and produced by Midwood students. By competing with each other, the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes, under the leadership of Linda Gould, Bob Shatz, Marjorie Lorde, and Nanci Anton, respectively, displayed their creative abilities in the fields of direction, art, music, composition, dance, and writing.

The organization of committees and the appointment of officers occurred during the first Sing meeting which was held in the latter part of October. Kensington chose Cheryl Singer as chairman, Larry Pivnick as co-chairman, Thomas Milano as leader, Roberta Hyman the co-leader, Leila Nussbaum and Carol Levine as its secretaries, and Leslie Brickner and Lois Brandeis the pianists.

Chairman Callie Tougar, co-chairman Rochelle Frank, leader Steven Pava, secretaries Linda Scott, Norma Goldberg and Marlene Levitt; and pianists George Heymont and Jeffrey Glass represented the Sophomore Sing. The juniors elected David Schaps chairman, Jeffrey Lapin co-chairman, and Lenny Raifman leader. This was Lenny's third experience in conducting a Sing. Nancy Romer was the co-leader of Junior Sing, René Rose and Carol Levine were the secretaries, and Terry Schneider and Steven Borsik were the pianists.

Representing the seniors were chairman Marilyn Rubin, leader Ellen Edelman, co-leader Rochelle Ratchick, secretaries Joan Rubinson and Sherry Bronstein, and pianists Jay Solkow and Lois Snitkoff.

The aforementioned students, as well as the members of the lyric and other committees, contributed in developing themes for the four Sings. The plot of the freshman Sing was "Twenty One or Bust;" the sophomores chose "Muscular Midwood," a spoof on President Kennedy's physical fitness program. "From Here to Infernity" was the junior theme, and "A Senior Knightmare," the seniors'.

Sing members spent many extra hours in school working towards a successful performance. To help them achieve this goal were the two Sing Faculty Advisors, Mr. Marvin Rosenberg, a music teacher, and Mr. Harris Sarney, one of Midwood's English teachers. In previous years, Mrs. Belle Tillis held the position of Sing Faculty Advisor.

Mayor's Installation Set for Today; Midwood's Commissioners Take Office

The City of Midwood officially installed Mayor Daniel Feld, his newly-appointed commissioners and Board of Estimate members in a special assembly in Midwood's auditorium this morning. A similar program will take place this afternoon for the "M" students.

Both Manhattan Borough President Edward R. Dudley and a former Midwood mayor, Richard Kolbert, were scheduled to address the assemblies respectively. Mr. Kolbert is, presently, a member of this school's English faculty.

Nanci Anton and Liz Rapoport are commissioners of the Ambassadorial Commission while Arlene Cantor and Jesse Jurow direct the Around New York Commission; Edward Green heads the Assembly Planning Commission and the new Athletic Commissioners are Marc Nacson and Charles Levitan. Robert Fish and Philip Abbondanza are the Book Store Commissioners while the Codification Commissioner is Ted Feit.

The new F.D.R. Commissioners are Rhea Segal and Laura Smith. Steve Stricker leads the Finance Commission as Bob Mirer and Peter Venokur conduct the Music Commission. The Times and Tribune deliveries are under the jurisdiction of Sal Fusaro. Joel Plavin and Freyda Reiss are the Orientation Commissioners, while Louise Dratler and Sandy Knopp serve as the Publicity Commissioners. Jay Diamond and Jeff Jacques, and Ben Schwartz and Judy Elkin, are the Recreation Commissioners and the Student Information Commissioners respectively. Jay Gordon and Judy Aronow are the new Social Service Commissioners, while Ann Urso, Lester Miller, and Bob Fox are the Ticket Sales Commissioners. The directors of the Welfare Commission are Barbara Glasser and David Schaps.

GOLDMAN ELECTED CHIEF

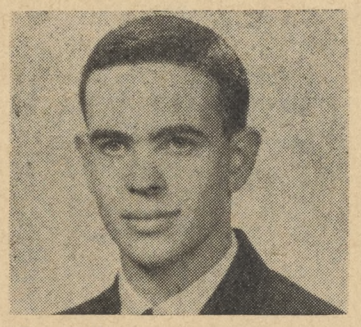
By BURT GOTTSCHALK

The Midwood **Argus** staff elected a new editor-in-chief, along with editors and associated editors for the sports, feature and news staffs, on January 22.

The new editor-in-chief is Donald M. Goldman, formerly sports editor. "I am eagerly looking forward to this challenge and hope to continue the wonderful reputation of our school newspaper," he declared. Filling Don's position is Mark Cohen; the associate sports editor is Sandy Hurwitz, a junior. (All associates on the **Argus** are juniors. This mandatory requirement insures the perpetual life of the staff.) Recent additions to the sports staff are Joseph Elm, a transfer from the news staff and Jay Grossman and Marty Huss from the journalism class.

The feature staff was also revamped. Felicia Sobel and Howie King, former associate editors, are now staff editors. The new associate editors of this staff are Madeline Gabrielson and Claire Hollander. This staff now includes eight new reporters. They are Bobbi Bader, Rosemary Grassi, Eliot Ivanhoe, Iris Jenner, Rita Kirsch, Catherine Krautter, Patricia Price, and Raphy Swiller.

The new editors of the news staff are Barbara Kroll and Mark Levine. Cora Goldbaum and Seth Schweitzer



Don Goldman

are the associate editors. The new members of the news staff are Ronnie Bromberg, Nathan Distler, Marlene Robinson, and Paula Sturman.

Aside from the new additions, four **Argus** members graduated. These students are: Sheila Pincus, former editor-in-chief; Edna Kroll, former news editor; Nora Runsdorf, news reporter; and Joel Savitz, sports reporter.

Argii to Play Ball

The Lincoln High School newspaper, the **Lincoln Log,** will challenge the **Midwood Argus** to a game of basketball in Midwood on Friday afternoon, March 9.

The game will be played in the Boys' Gym during the ninth period, and there will be no admission charged.

To be fair, neither newspaper will allow varsity basketball players to participate in the game. Miss Marion Mulhern, **Argus** faculty advisor, will supervise the game, and there will be a referee from each school.

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

March 10	National Merit Examinations
March 20	Pupils receive first third marks
April 2	Open School Day
April 16, 17, 18	Uniform Midterm Examinations
April 19-29	Spring Recess
May 16	Report Cards Issued
May 30	Memorial Day—(Schools Closed)
June 1, 2	Spring Concert
June 7	Anniversary Day (Schools Closed in Brooklyn)
June 12	Final Marking Period Ends
June 18-22	Regents Week
June 26	Graduation Day
June 27	Promotion Day

LOUNGE TO FEATURE FACULTY ART SHOW

By SETH SCHWEITZER

Mr. Daniel S. Lefkowitz, chairman of Midwood's art department, has organized a "faculty" art exhibit, which will be held in the Music Lounge. This event will occur as soon as the lounge is no longer needed for music classes, that is, when construction on the new basement music rooms is completed.

The display, composed of original creations of some twenty teachers, will include ceramics, paintings, sculptures, and crochet-work. The exhibition will last about a month.

This project was initiated so that "students can see that teachers are not only interested in their subjects, but that they have other interests as well. The subject matter they teach is usually reflected in their artistic work."

The list of participating teachers includes:

Mr. Alexander Doskow, Mr. George Freedberg, Mr. Joseph Grebanier, Mr. André Humbert, Mrs. Lucille Lifton, Mr. Marvin Rosenberg, Miss Roberta Scongerella, Miss Julia Simpson, Mr. Norman Shapiro, Mrs. Rose Shapiro, Mrs. Ruth Sklar, Mr. Sidney Spieler, Mrs. Bella Tillis, and Miss Helen Zirilstein.

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The team and the math department also arrange for a number of math lectures given by able teachers from such institutions as St. John's and Hunter Colleges. Professor Jewell Bushey spoke on February 27 about complex and hyper-complex numbers. On March 9, Mr. Raymond McCarthy will speak on Linear Diophantine equations.

By the way, the answer to the problem is log b $\alpha \div$ log c $1/\alpha = 2$ log α log c $\div$ log b.

GM NAMES FOUR IN MHS

By RONNIE BROMBERG

Ten Midwood students are finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program and thirteen are candidates for the scholarships offered by the National Honor Society, the administration recently announced. There are also semi-finalists from Midwood vying for the General Motors' scholarships.

One hundred National Merit Scholarships are awarded throughout the country. Only one-half of one percent of all high school seniors win these scholarships. Midwood's ten representatives in this program are Donna Amariglio, Paul Fenichel, David Fleiss, Jonathan Goldman, Judith Goodman, David Green, Joshua Halpern, Laura Post, Lee Schacter, and Benjamin Schwartz, all of whom are finalists. In order to have risen from semi-finalists to finalists, they had to confirm their high scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test by doing equally well on the Scholastic Achievement Test. These students also had to fill out a Semi-Finalist Information Form and be endorsed by the school. Winners will be notified officially March 20 and will receive certificates of merit.

Judith Goodman, a GM winner

The thirteen finalists for the National Honor Society scholarships are Donna Amariglio, Norman Chenven, Harold Dershowitz, Paul Fenichel, David Fleiss, Jonathan Goldman, Judith Halpern, Mark Levine, Laura Post, Benjamin Schwartz, and John Sharefkin. Candidates for the scholarship must be in the N.H.S. by March 1, 1962. The school submitted a transcript of the candidates' high school records, including their last semester's averages and respective ranks in class.

The nationwide General Motors Scholarship Plan offers one hundred awards to seniors annually. These will be chosen on the basis of the December Scholastic Achievement Test and a semi-finalist application, which asked the students to name their goals, among other things. The four semi-finalists of Midwood High School are Paul Fenichel, David Fleiss, Jonathan Goldman, and Judith Goodman.

Although Midwood did not have any finalists in the Westinghouse Scholarship Program this year, this school submitted sixteen names. In the past ten years, Midwood High School has had eight winners. This number is surpassed only by Erasmus Hall High School with twenty-one and the Bronx High School of Science with nine. In Erasmus, potential scientists were assisted and encouraged by a special coach. Midwood, on the other hand, could not offer coaching courses this term because of a lack of specially trained personnel.

Midwood Delegates To Attend Model UN

By RUTH ALGER

The East Coast Model United Nations will hold its fifth annual session on April 13, 14, and 15. This year, Midwood's sixteen delegates will act as representatives of India and Nepal at Montclair, New Jersey.

More than one hundred public and private high schools on the Eastern seaboard participate in this activity each year. Each school represents one large or several small countries. Last year, Midwood represented the Netherlands; two years ago, the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics. The student U.N. will function as the organization in New York City with regard to agenda and methods of discussion. The student delegates will examine such major topics as Cuba, Berlin, the Congo, and the question of the admission of Red China to the U.N. at their general assembly.

Montclair High School will be the host of this event. It provides the building for the meetings, homes for the students to reside in during the three days, and the staff for the Secretariat.

This year, in addition to six seniors and seven juniors, the delegation will include three sophomores, chosen from the special six-major program. Thirty-five students applied through their social studies teachers and all were interviewed.

The delegates began to prepare soon after the beginning of the year. Each representative must be thoroughly familiar with the history, people, customs and current political and economic conditions in the foreign country he is to represent. Meetings of the Midwood delegation are held outside school on weekends in order to discuss and do research on the topics.

This year the student director is Jonathan Goldman, a senior. The other delegates are Paul Fenichel, David Fleiss, Judy Goodman, Joshua Halpern, Kathy Pomerance, Cathy Sklar, Ellen Harris, Jessie Jurow, Louis Passiok, Eric Kimmel, David Ungar, Judi Cohen, Harry Eisenberg, Richard Speis, and Jimmy Wexler.

NORMAN THOMAS GIVES SPEECH ON FUTURE PEACE PROSPECTS

The Social Studies Forum of Midwood High School presented Mr. Norman Thomas, leader of the American Socialist Party, January 19. He lectured on "Prospects For World Peace."

In a brief introductory speech, Dr. Jacob L. Bernstein, Midwood's principal, described the six-time candidate for the presidency of the United States as "one of the most stimulating influences of the entire century." Although Mr. Thomas has appeared previously at Midwood, the auditorium was again filled to capacity.

After Daniel Feld, Mayor of Midwood, and Mr. Albert Sayer, chairman of the social studies department, made brief introductory remarks, Mr. Thomas followed with an extemporaneous speech.

"No matter how black things may be, the future of this world depends upon its future generations," he declared. For this reason, he pointed out, he prefers to speak to high school students, who will be the future adults rather than to members of today's political world.

Having described some of the myriad accomplishments of mankind since 1901, when he was graduated from college, Mr. Thomas stated, "The trouble is that we human beings are too smart for our own good. Man, by his own invention [nuclear bombs] has made war unthinkable." To prove his point, he summarized man's development through the ages as ". . . out of the caves that God made, and into the caves [bomb shelters] that we made."

Mr. Thomas then proceeded to offer his plan for world peace. His suggestion included reducing the degree of armament to police levels, adopting a modified policy of isolation, strengthening the United Nations, and allocating monies saved from defense budgets for the alleviation of poverty, hunger and disease throughout the world.

A question and answer period followed Mr. Thomas' talk. When the speaker prepared to leave, he was surrounded by students pleading for "one last question." As the seventy-eight year old champion of the Socialist Party in the United States made his way to the rear of the auditorium, dozens of Midwoodites crowded around him, continuing their barrage of questions.

City Roundup...

LANGUAGE REGENTS TO CHANGE

The New York State Board of Regents will make changes in the three-year foreign language Regents and in the title of the four-year English Regents this June.

The Board will put emphasis on the audito-lingual part of the three-year foreign language Regents. It will devote thirty points of the examination to oral comprehension. A passage will be read to the students, after which they will be given questions with multiple choice answers. People taking the exam will answer by choosing the correct multiple choice.

This change is being made to coincide with the modern method of teaching foreign languages. The system teaches the pupil to listen comprehensively and to express himself, in addition to instructing him in the reading and writing of the language.

The language department also made it known that students studying a language for two years will be required to take a uniform city-wide examination. Previously this was not necessary. The two-year language Regents were given only to pupils who needed the Regents credit for graduation.

The new appellation for the "English Four Years" Regents examination will be "Comprehensive English."

The title has been changed because the exam does not necessarily have to be given after four years of English. It may be given at any time within the four-year study period. It is up to the school to make the decision as to when the student should take the exam.

At present the Board of Regents does not foresee any changes in the format or in the length of the exam. However, there may be some changes in the future.

The Arista Senate, consisting of the members of Midwood's scholastic honor society recently elected Lois Snitkoff to the office of girl leader and Benjamin Schwartz as boy leader for the Spring term. This term's secretaries will be Elliot Eisenberg and Eva Herzberger.

Archon, Midwood's honor society for service, also elected new leaders in February. The girl leader is Arlene Bedell and the boy leader is Bruce Prenner. Marjie Lorde and Faye Siegelberg are the Archon secretaries.

Rochelle Selvers, a January '62 graduate, is the Midwood winner of the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in the examination on homemaking knowledge and aptitudes taken by senior girls last December 5.

She now becomes eligible, along with winners in other New York state high schools for the title of "State Homemaker of Tomorrow." General Mills, sponsor of the program, provides a $1,500 scholarship for the winner. The state runner-up will receive a $500 scholarship.

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

During the last election assembly, someone flagrantly criticized our student government as being a lackadaisical, apathetic organization which rarely fulfills its hackneyed promises. It appeared from the assembly's reaction that most of the students were in accord with the stated views. The fact is, however, that student critic has never been active in student government. Thus, even though his accusations may be true, he has little foundation for his opinion. Yet, the question that still prevails is whether the City of Midwood is a "social clique", or a well organized body of students designed to improve our school? In the past, we have been inclined to side with the former idea. A glaring example of the government's incompetence was clearly shown in the past administration's dealings with Kensington. The former Kensington Coordinator was forced to limit his time in aiding the frosh class, because of long school hours. Instead of suggesting a proposal to solve this problem, the former student government leaders allowed the matter to remain uncorrected. As a result Kensington students felt neglected.

After the new student officers had been chosen for this term, we were still rather skeptical about their promises. Upon meeting the mayor, however, our opinion changed. Danny Feld has a vibrant enthusiasm, and refuses to admit that little cliques exist in the City of Midwood. Although he may be disillusioned later, we feel that he is sincere and his desire may be transmitted to the various commissioners.

An interesting aspect concerning this term's student government is the formation of an entirely different type of commission. This group will publish a detailed report determining whether the present government is an effective and efficient organization. It may also suggest reforms. If this is an example of changes to come, Danny Feld's administration may set a precedent, which will be a model for the future.

DON GOLDMAN

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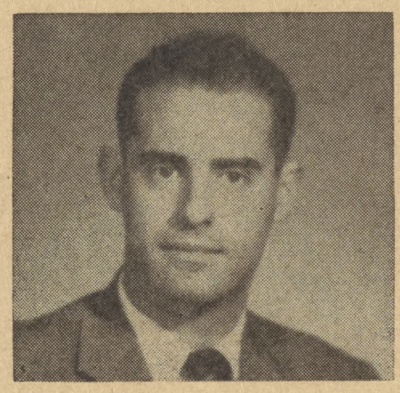
MEET YOUR TEACHER

"I like to travel, that is my big hobby," says Dr. William Jassey. In pursuit of his rather unusual avocation, he has visited and studied in Spain, France, England, Switzerland, Puerto Rico and most of the United States. Of all the places he has visited, Dr. Jassey likes Paris best. He feels that "Paris is less like a city than like the whole history of the Western world on review."

Dr. Jassey acquired his hobby in the army. The cosmopolitan Midwoodites says with a grin, "That got me started." He finds travel so attractive because "It gives me a chance to talk with the natives in their own language, and to learn their customs."



Mr. Jassey

Between trans-oceanic jaunts, Dr. Jassey teaches Spanish and French, here at Midwood. He is as much a student as he is a teacher, and believes that "learning a new language opens up new paths of understanding. It makes students aware of the importance of internaal communications." Putting into practice what he preaches, the energetic linguist is now learning Italian.

The erudite Midwoodite has studied in several universities. He received his B.A. at Brooklyn College, his M.A. at Syracuse University, and E.D.D. at Columbia. He studied abroad at the Universities of Madrid and Menendez Palayo Uaragoza in Spain and the Universities of Aux Marseilles and Bordeaux in France.

Extra curricular work for this teacher includes a state supported study of phonetics, in connection with the language laboratory program. Other after school activities which he enjoys are basketball and baseball.

Certainly, Mr. Jassey's travel experience, and ability make him a credit to the school. In the words of one of his former students, "Dr. Jassey makes language come alive by injecting his own personal experiences into his language."

AMI ISSEROFF

Midmoods . . . Howard King

We have been told that Sing is one of our great institutions; that it should be revered by all Midwoodites. I submit to you, however, oh faithful champions of school spirit that the institution of true significance in this case is not the Sing itself, but rather the **Sing meeting.**

The Sing meeting begins with the appearance of a rather efficient looking youth who strides up to the platform in much the manner of a militant radical. His distinguishing mark is his clipboard to which is attached a Sing Button. There's something overly imposing about a clipboard, especially at one of these conclaves. It seems to denote immense responsibility and authority, even though its owner's duties are virtually unknown to everyone, including the owner.

Well anyway, the stream of words that follow goes something like this: "Who's gonna win Sing . . . A little louder! . . . Atta baby!" After this show of spirit our young leader disappears, never to be heard from again but still content in the knowledge that he is an active participant in a "social catalyst."

Immediately following is an announcement from a less authoritative (she has no clipboard) looking young lady informing the students of the meeting of the Dance, Lyric, Art, Costume, and "Miscellaneous" Committees at the back of the auditorium. "The seven of you who remain," she concludes, "will, of course sing . . . unless you've got something better to do."

The remainder of the meeting is a conglamoration of heart murmurs, sour notes, exasperated sighs, admonitions and squeals of joy on the part of these valiant crusaders. No one knows what's going on, but in this type of "social exercise" it's not perfection we seek, but experience in working together . . . or so they tell me.

P.S. Kids: All in jest!

MAYOR'S DESK

Many false rumors about the City of Midwood seem to be accepted as fact by a few students who, by their own choice, have never been involved in one of the many activities in our student government. The most common misconception of B-71, the office of the City of Midwood, is that it is controlled by a small, exclusive group of "elite" students. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The validity of my words may be proved by examining several conditions in our new administration. In the first place, many of our new commissioners and deputies have had **no** previous experience or connection in student government. They have been chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and sincerity alone. In fact, an unusually large proportion of our new deputy commissioners is composed of sophomores. This fact is in accordance with our important policy of bringing new faces into the City of Midwood. Good talent must not be wasted.

In addition, I have called upon every commissioner to use these principles in the choosing of his commission members. Any commissioner practicing favoritism in the choosing of his members will be asked to leave his position.

I hope that our policy, therefore, will erase the false impression of the City of Midwood held by some misinformed students.

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Although almost all high schools annually present a Spring Concert, few, if any, schools present what Midwood's Music Department will give us this term—a special recital series of two concerts (in addition to the Spring Concert). These special recitals, to which all students and parents are welcome, will take place on two Friday nights, March 23 and April 13.

The Music Department, which is now hard at work in preparation for the concerts, is in need of a moral booster. Let's show our appreciation for the department's many fine Spring Concerts and other ventures of the past, by attending both recitals with friends or parents.

DANIEL FELD

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Seniors Demand Respect

Although this article may be closer to the hearts of those who are presently seniors, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are hereby advised to regard it with proper respect and awe. In all humility, we must admit that the writer is a senior.

We know that the majority of our readers are now retorting: "Seniors are not superior!" Fortunately, we feel obliged to free all under classmen of this common misconception, so that their growth as enlightened students may not be hampered.

Seniors must necessarily be considered superior, so that we can develop superiority complexes. Thus, our new status in college as freshmen will not be too overwhelming. If one considers the three long years ahead until seniors can once again attain the prestige of being college seniors, one must agree that we are indeed worthy of esteem. Freshmen in Midwood are reminded that three years remain before they will be high school seniors. We commend you for using a similar three-year plan, despite the fact that precedence has established it. In order not to obscure the facts, we must further remind you that you will always be three years behind us.

We do not wish to condemn the underclassmen for having been born after us. Perhaps, in two or three years a present freshman or sophomore will write a feature article condemning his underclassmen. At the same time, he will undoubtedly include a sentence proclaiming that he does not wish to condemn them, as this reporter has.

We have inflated our egos and ridiculed underclassmen purposefully. Investigation reveals that seniors are logical, humanitarian individuals with the interests of their fellow-students at heart, no matter what their state may be. We have also proved that a privilege of being a senior is that he may write a feature article about being a senior.

FELICIA SOBEL

"IDES" JOKE OUTDATED

There are two versions as to what Caesar said when a soothsayer told him to "Beware the Ides of March." According to Shakespeare, Caesar remarked, "He is a dreamer; let us leave him." According to me, Caesar slapped the man on the back and said, "Why should I? I don't have to pay income taxes." Since Caesar was emperor, everybody laughed.

This was just the first of many jokes. A man, told that he had to pay his income tax, would say to his wife, "Beware the Ides of March, huh?" Half the time neither knew what the Ides of March were, but it sounded good.

Finally, a young tax consultant went mad. Fifty-nine people in a row had told him to beware the Ides of March, and he was convinced that he was Julius Caesar, and the Ides of March were out to get him. He wrapped himself in a sheet, made a wreath from a forsythia bush, and went out Ides hunting.

The first man he met was an authority on the ancient Roman calendar. The tax consultant told him, "Beware the Ides of March."

"What about the Ides of April?" asked the other. "In the ancient Roman calendar, the Ides were the fifteenth days of March, May, July, or October, and the thirteenth days of all the other months."

Interested by "Julius Caesar's" condition, the other questioned him about his delusion. He was touched by the young man's plight, and started a drive to get income taxes due on another day.

The movement attracted many fanatics who wanted to abolish taxes altogether. While these were being screened out, the situation was remedied without the movement's aid. Income taxes are now due on April 15, which is a fine death blow to a bad old joke.

MADELINE GABRIELSON

Covers Resort to Commercialism

The GO Store, for some months, has resorted to various means of attracting students. With every sale, book covers are being distributed. Supposedly, they are intended to protect our books.

Actually, the only section of the cover concerned with school is a schedule chart, obscured between a jewelry advertisement and one professing to drill bowling balls while you wait.

The covers can hardly serve their purpose after their many coupons are punched out. These coupons, which expired long before their distribution began, entitle the bearer to a free "creme rinse" hairdo and a 10% discount on lingerie. Fortunately, these outdated, mutilated covers do not reflect the quality of the books they cover.

The advertisement-laden covers present no direct implication of being unscrupulous. But they certainly do not discourage the much talked about "student apathy." Surrounded by ads, smothered with records and abstract "tikis," and encircled by artistic hair-styling is a long column of minute letters gothically and unnoticeably spelled out, "M-I-D-W-O-O-D". To me, this name should be proudly proclaimed, not subtly defamed.

Fortunately, the distribution of these educational green stamps is being suspended. In lieu of them, we will be getting the old, stiff, pedantic covers with the Alma Mater, the school seal, and the motto, "Ad Astra-Per Aspera" (which few understand).

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Markey Paces Winning Streak

By BOB EPSTEIN

The Middie Cagers defeated Erasmus, Madison, and Jefferson, extending their winning streak to six games, and then lost to Wingate.

Midwood played inspired basketball against Erasmus before an overflow crowd. The Glenroaders, led by Tom Markey, quickly jumped into the lead in the first period and never relinquished it thereafter, holding a 12 point margin at halftime. Markey tallied 19 points and controlled the offensive and defensive boards. During the third period, Midwood lengthened its lead mainly because of Jimmy Elkins' accurate outside shooting and his overall total of 16 points. The fourth quarter saw Erasmus cut the deficit to 12 points at the final buzzer, but the Dutchmen had been hopelessly outclassed throughout the contest. Thus, the Cagers recorded the first Midwood victory over Erasmus in basketball since 1941.

The main reason for Erasmus' failure was the tremendous defensive effort of Gene Dressler against high-scoring Charley Donovan. Donovan was harassed constantly by Dressler, and could score only 12 points, 10 of them in the fourth quarter, when the contest had already been decided.

In a non-league battle, the Glenroaders defeated Madison for the second time this season. Tom Markey again led the squad with a 24 point performance which included 14 foul shots. Jimmy Elkins contributed 13, Jimmy Higgins tallied 12, and Gene Dressler, who was particularly effective during the first half, scored 9. This offset fine efforts by Madison's talented duo of Bruce Kaplan and Joel Hoffman.

Basketball team in action

Against Jefferson, the Cagers registered their sixth straight victory and their second of the season over the Presidents. Midwood played poorly in the first half, and trailed 27-20 at halftime. In the second half, however, the team came to life under the leadership of Tom Markey, who scored 17 of his 23 points after the halftime intermission. The Glenroaders outscored Jefferson 32-19 in the second half and earned a 52-46 victory. Gene Dressler was again outstanding on defense, holding highly regarded Mascia to 14 points. This was an especially notable achievement because Mascia is seven inches taller than Dressler.

Powerful Wingate snapped Midwood's six game winning streak by a score of 59-50. The Cagers played sloppy ball in the first half and were particulary poor in foul shooting. The result was a 21-16 lead for Wingate at halftime. In the third period, the Glenroaders appeared as if they might overtake Wingate, but they could get no closer than two points from the lead. Wingate was equal to the Midwood challenge and subsequently lengthened the margain. Tom Markey again led Midwood's scoring with 23 points, while Jimmy Elkins hit from the outside, and Gene Dressler and Paul Mayblum excelled on defense. However, this was not enough to offset the fine performances of Fisher, Stern, and Walls for Wingate.

BULLETIN

Tom Markey, Midwood's 6'5" center, scored 27 points to lead the Glenroaders to a 60-59 victory over Erasmus. As a result, the Midkids entered the P.S.A.L. Championship Playoffs.

The first half closed with Midwood maintaining the lead 26-24. Erasmus seemed to take control in the second half. However in the last 2:17 of play the Glenroaders formulated an offensive drive, narrowing the Dutchmen's lead to one point. With 6 seconds to go, Paul Mayblum popped in a jump shot putting Midwood in front 60-59. Erasmus' Charlie Donovan, who totaled 31 points, was fouled a few seconds later. Charlie missed his shot and Midwood won the game.

Midmen Go To Garden; Upset Boys

Midwood's chance of entering the City Basketball playoffs for the first time, hinged on the final game of the regular season. The Glenroaders were almost assured of a playoff berth until the unexpected happened. Erasmus toppled Wingate 54-45. The Midkids had never beaten Boys' High, but with great determination, they did the impossible. Using a zone defense, the Midwood five gradually built up a six point lead.

Inspired, the Midkids played brilliantly and stretched their margin to ten points, 50-40. However, a determined Boys' High outfit employed a full-court press and cut the lead to one point. With 17 seconds left, Jimmy Higgins was fouled. The foul shot rolled around the rim and dropped out. With 5 seconds left, a jump shot by Boys' barely missed the hoop. The Midkids desperately fought for the rebound. The buzzer sounded, and for the first time the Glenroaders had beaten Boys' High.

Tom Markey, leading the Midwood five to victory, tallied 24 points and Jimmy Higgins chipped in with 17.

RIFLEMEN COP THIRD PLACE

By JAY GROSSMAN

Midwood High School's Rifle Team came within five points of participating in the city championships when it dropped its final match of the season to Lincoln by the close score of 869-865. This left the Sharpshooters with a season's mark of five wins, three losses one tie, and a third place berth in its division.

The Midkids started their campaign with solid victories over Fort Hamilton, Madison, two triumphs over John Jay, and a tie with Brooklyn Tech.

In a subsequent match, Tech was victorious, 891-865. The high scorer for Midwood was junior, Mike Lerner, with 176. He also led the team with a score of 182 in the following match, in which Midwood defeated Fort Hamilton 884-784.

The final two matches were hard-fought contests with Lincoln. The Abes won the first by six points, 889-883. The best shooter for Midwood was Howard Altman, with 181. In the final encounter Altman collected 180 points for the Nimrods, while Larry Beck scored 172 and each of the remaining four boys tallied 171. However, Lincoln was triumphant by four points.

Of the seven gunners who participated in competition this year, four are graduating. They are team captain and top scorer Howard Altman, Lee Schwartz, Gary Golod, and Larry Beck.

The success of next year's team will rely on veterans Robert Colombo, Michael Jampel and high-scoring Mike Lerner, and ten second-year men inexperienced in match play. They hope to improve on the team's fine record and become Midwood's first championship team since 1951.

Under the able hand of Coach Cohen, the 1962-63 team may be one of the best in Midwood's history.

Sportlight

By PAUL COHEN

"They had been telling me of the great thrill it was hitting the tape first. It was then that I realized what a thrill it was and more." So said Jay Weiner after breaking his novice, as a junior, in the 880 yard run.

Jay, a member of the Cross-Country Team for three years has proven himself outstanding in his senior year. Captain Weiner has set two new school records for the two and a quarter and two and a half mile runs; 11:36 and 14:25 respectively. At the P.S.A.L. Championship Meet, Jay took second place out of a field of 160 boys and was awarded a silver medal. Because of his great effort, the Midwood Cross-Country Team became division B Champions.

Although Jay, during the track season, runs the 880 and 1000 yard races, he has proven himself master in any race from 220 to 1000 yards. He is clearly the man to beat, if anyone would like to challenge his title of the "fastest man." Through his years on the Midwood Track Teams, Jay has accumulated three major letters in cross country and one in outdoor track. He now has enough points for another letter.

One of Jay's greatest sport thrills came when he was in third place in a half mile race. In the last lap, with less than 200 yards to the finish, Jay, with a great burst of speed, passed one

Jay Weiner

and, then another opponent, thus winning the race. For this win, he broke his novice, and was awarded a gold medal.

On and off the athletic field, Jay has amazing talents. He has a 90% average and is planning a career in engineering. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has applied for admission to Arista. Because of his fine average and exceptional athletic ability, Jay is a likely candidate for a track scholarship. Jay Weiner has been nominated for the "Athlete of the Year," in the graduating class of 1962, and has good prospects of winning this title.

Fleetfooters Place Fourth

By SANDY HURWITZ

The loss of star runners Tom Minerva, Bob Falk, and Charles Randolph, because of graduation, has been a serious plague to the Midwood Track Team. The squad is composed of twenty-five varsity members, only two open runners, Jay Weiner, and Mike Hammeroff. An open runner is one who has competed in a race and has won a medal. The others are called novice runners. Despite these costly setbacks, the team has competed in four major meets.

One of the most exciting events was the St. Francis Meet in which Lou Augusta, Lowell Cohn, Paul Cohen, and Stuart Kucker missed breaking their Novices in the one mile relay by .9 of a second. In this event, Midwood finished fourth with about one hundred and fifty teams participating. Another very exciting meet was the Mayor's Inter-Scholastic Meet. Captain Jay Weiner ran 1000 yards in 2:27.5. With approximately eighty schools participating in this event, Midwood finished sixth.

Mr. William Eisenberg, the team's coach, has been hospitalized and as a result, Mr. Norman Kaufman, former Midwood football and track star, and teacher at the Annex, is coaching the team during Mr. Eisenberg's absence. The team is also aided by two fine managers, Lou Schwartz and Mark Benson.

In the near future, the trackmen will enter the N.Y.U. Meet, the I.C.4A Championship and the P.S.A.L. Championship Meet. This will bring the indoor season to a close.

The outdoor season will begin in early April, bringing with it new and fresh competition. As a rule, the team usually does better during this season, because only a few schools compete against each other at any one time as compared to hundreds which do so during the indoor season.